

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	
J. Dean COLE	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Serial No. 10/799,179	§	
	§	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
Filed: March 12, 2004	§	
	§	
For: PERCUTANEOUS FIXATOR	§	Confirmation No. 8156
AND METHOD OF INSERTION	§	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED JULY 17, 2007**

**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2007.

A three month extension of time accompanies the present filing. If any additional fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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